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Approved May 26, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017.

**OPERATION OF A GOLF CART OR UTILITY VEHICLE ON A
PUBLIC HIGHWAY IN CERTAIN COUNTIES**

CHAPTER 171

H.B. No. 2968

AN ACT

relating to the operation of a golf cart or utility vehicle on a public highway in certain counties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 551.404(a-2), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-2) Subsection (a-1) applies only to a county that:

- (1) borders or contains a portion of the Red River;
- (2) borders or contains a portion of the Guadalupe River and contains a part of a barrier island that borders the Gulf of Mexico; or
- (3) is adjacent to a county described by Subdivision (2) and:
 - (A) has a population of less than 37,000 [30,000]; and
 - (B) contains a part of a barrier island *or peninsula* that borders the Gulf of Mexico.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 27, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 12, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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**PAYMENT OF AN AD VALOREM TAX REFUND IN THE EVENT
OF A TAX ROLL CORRECTION THAT DECREASES A
PROPERTY OWNER'S TAX LIABILITY**

CHAPTER 172

H.B. No. 2989

AN ACT

relating to payment of an ad valorem tax refund in the event of a tax roll correction that decreases a property owner's tax liability.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 26.15(f), Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) If a correction that decreases the tax liability of a property owner is made after the owner has paid the tax, the taxing unit shall refund to the property owner *who paid the tax* the difference between the tax paid and the tax legally due, except as provided by Section 25.25(n). A property owner is not required to apply for a refund under this subsection to receive the refund.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a refund made on or after the effective date of this Act. A refund made before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the refund was made, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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CATEGORIES USED TO RECORD THE RACE OR ETHNICITY OF PERSONS STOPPED FOR OR CONVICTED OF TRAFFIC OFFENSES

CHAPTER 173

H.B. No. 3051

AN ACT

relating to the categories used to record the race or ethnicity of persons stopped for or convicted of traffic offenses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article 2.132(a)(3), Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Race or ethnicity" means *the following categories*:

(A) *Alaska native or American Indian*;

(B) ~~[of a particular descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic,]~~ *Asian or Pacific Islander*;

(C) *black*;

(D) *white*; and

(E) *Hispanic or Latino* ~~[, Native American, or Middle Eastern descent]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 543.202(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In this section, "race or ethnicity" means *the following categories*:

(1) *Alaska native or American Indian*;

(2) ~~[of a particular descent, including Caucasian, African, Hispanic,]~~ *Asian or Pacific Islander*;

(3) *black*;

(4) *white*; and

(5) *Hispanic or Latino* ~~[, or Native American descent]~~.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.